

Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee Inquiry Report - Community Sport in Cardiff: Regional Partnerships (January 2022) – Update April 2023

RECOMMENDATION	CABINET RESPONSE	UPDATE – APRIL 2023
<p>1. Cabinet urgently pursues with Sport Wales the feasibility of maintaining our current existing Joint Venture partnership with Cardiff Metropolitan University rather than entering a Regional Sport Partnership.</p>	<p>Accepted. <i>The case will be made to Sport Wales Senior Management Team for a Cardiff or Cardiff and Vale partnership. The Cardiff case will also be taken to the Central South regional forum stating the Cardiff position.</i></p>	<p>We have made the case for a Cardiff “only” region or Cardiff and Vale partnership. This has been declined by Sport Wales as they seek to continue with the Central South partnership. Colleagues representing the Local Authorities in the Central South Region are developing a model of governance whereby Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Health Board and Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board are distinct subgroups to the Central South overarching board.</p>
<p>2. Cabinet takes up Sport Wales’s offer to engage to: a) enable political input and to build political mandate; b) lobby for a reduced footprint, either Cardiff-only or one based on the Cardiff & Vale University Health Board footprint; c) work collaboratively to achieve agreement on the reduced footprint as set out above</p>	<p>Accepted. <i>Political position from Scrutiny and Cabinet to be presented to Sport Wales to enable open discussion on options for a new operating model that sustains the current future levels of resource for Cardiff. Sport Wales insist on a Central South Regional Board but with potential for a second tier split for two health board regions that covers the entire region.</i></p>	<p>The second-tier split has been generally accepted by Sport Wales (as above) subject to further development of the governance model which is in progress.</p> <p>The political mandate has been requested by each of the partner local authorities. However, partner engagement has only been achieved in Q4 of 22/23 with similar views to Cardiff.</p>
<p>3. Cabinet actively engages with the Regional Sport Partnership development process to build trust and commitment</p>	<p>Accepted. <i>Ongoing commitment to attend the Central South forums led by Sport Wales and for Cardiff Council and our delivery partner Cardiff Metropolitan University (Sport Cardiff), to lead and lobby on behalf of the Central South regional local authorities.</i></p>	<p>Cardiff Met (our Joint Venture partner) are leading and managing the development of the collaboration model. Sport Wales have appointed two external consultants to work with the Central South partners to develop the model.</p>
<p>4. Cabinet works collaboratively with Regional Sport Partnership partners to agree governance arrangements that ensure Cardiff’s voice is heard in proportion to population size.</p>	<p>Accepted. <i>Ongoing commitment to attend the Central South forums and support the group in partnership with Cardiff Metropolitan University (Sport Cardiff), ensuring Cardiff</i></p>	<p>The development of the governance model is yet to be finalised as a draft for consideration by Cabinet. At the appropriate point a Cabinet report will be taken for decision. It is widely accepted by Sport Wales and our regional</p>

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	<i>objectives set out in the Physical Activity for Sport strategy are protected and delivered.</i>	partners that Cardiff is well developed in terms of its Physical Activity and Sport strategy with key objectives and action plans in place. The established North Wales partnership have been seeking advice from Cardiff about our strategy and partnership with Public Health as an example of Best Practice.
5. Cabinet seeks assurance from Sport Wales that priorities identified for Cardiff will not be diluted in any regional partnership and funding will not be diluted.	Partially accepted. <i>The model is still to be developed, the governance and lead is in development and undecided and therefore there are no assurances that Cardiff or other regions will not be at detriment.</i>	The North Wales partnership indicates that resources remain the same and a commitment from Sport Wales has been made for continued support for each Local Authority until the new governance board is in place, at this point the new board will have jurisdiction on the administration of grants to be awarded and to whom.
6. Cabinet seeks clarification from Sport Wales on their basic expectations regarding governance models.	Accepted. <i>Sport Wales are not set on a specific model and request the central south group to collaborate and decide on the best governance structure. This is in development and Cardiff are well represented to determine future governance models as well as reviewing the current model in North Wales.</i>	The Central South partnership is empowered to develop the most appropriate governance model. This work is ongoing, and we aim to conclude this by end of financial year 23/24.